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Ms. Aubrey Holmes  
Public Affairs Manager  
United Parcel Service  
316 Pennsylvania Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Ms. Holmes:

This acknowledges our receipt of your March 3, 1998 letter requesting an amendment of 49 CFR 172.316 to improve the visibility of ORM-D markings and to improve the safety in the handling of such packages. Specifically, you request that the "ORM-D" and "ORM-D-AIR" designations be placed on a yellow background, within a blue rectangle, that is surrounded by a field of diagonal blue and yellow stripes. Also you request that the regular "ORM-D" marking include the wording, in white lettering, "Not for Air Shipment", and be required on all ORM-D packages not satisfying the requirements for transportation by air.

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under 49 CFR 106.31 and assigned number, P-1358. Should you write to us regarding this petition, please make reference to this petition number.

Sincerely,

Hattie L. Mitchell  
Chief, Regulatory Review and Reinvention  
Office of Hazardous Materials Standards

cc: Mr. Samuel S. Elkind  
Air Dangerous Goods Manager, UPS

Mr. Robert D. Gordon  
Hazardous Materials Compliance Manager, UPS